

for years. I thank the members of the Honor the Gift coalition for their dedication to helping kidney transplant recipients stay healthy and well, and I urge my colleagues to support these commonsense bills to improve the Medicare program for seniors and kidney patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, while proxy voting for other members on the floor, I failed to cast my own vote on H.R. 8354—Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020. Had I voted, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 239.

HONORING MAURICE R. "HANK" GREENBERG

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is incumbent upon us to acknowledge patriots who have fought to secure and strengthen the cherished liberties that every American citizen holds dear. Maurice R. "Hank" Greenberg is one of those patriots who has devoted his life to embracing and advancing the American spirit.

Hank's father died when Hank was six years old. The family moved to upstate New York to a dairy farm where a very long and back breaking day's work was a common reality. Like so many others, he and his family were barely scraping by. Soon, America was at war.

At 17, Hank left high school, enlisted in the Army and was attached to the 5th Ranger Battalion which stormed the beaches of Normandy. Later, Hank was a member of the forces that liberated the concentration camp at Dachau. Hank remained in the U.S. Army Reserves as a first Lieutenant. When the Korean War broke out, Hank returned to service, rising to the rank of Captain. For his extraordinary military service and sacrifice in the European Theater and Korea, Hank was awarded the Bronze Star and the Award for Meritorious Unit Commendation. He was also bestowed with the prestigious Commandeur of the French Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur.

Between his years of military service, Hank finished high school, college and then law school. He credits the G.I. Bill with the opportunities he has had in his life. "It helped me build AIG (American International Group)" he said, which, under his leadership, became the largest insurance company in the world. Hank is currently chairman and Chief Executive Officer of C.V. Starr, a diversified financial services firm.

Hank's service in our Armed Forces warrants our gratitude. His years as an American and international corporate leader, a visionary of globalization, an innovator, and philanthropist who has changed lives for the better in the United States and around the world are equally stellar and illustrious. And, at the age of 95, Hank is as involved as ever.

Hank is the Honorary Vice Chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations and Vice Chairman of The National Committee on United States-China Relations. He is the past Chairman and Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Personally, and as Chairman of the Starr Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in the United States, Hank oversees disbursement of major financial support to institutions worldwide. I have personally seen the transformational change he has made in the lives of thousands of older adults at the Hebrew Home at Riverdale, a nationally renowned center for the aging, which I have had the great honor to represent for my 32-year term. In acknowledgment of Hank's longstanding support, the Hebrew Home has named its campus the Maurice R. and Corinne P. Greenberg Campus.

Let us acknowledge the extraordinary accomplishments of a great American and veteran, a champion of freedom, a patriot, a man who has been able to unite countries and human beings for the betterment of our greater good.

IN HONOR OF KARYL MATSUMOTO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karyl Matsumoto as she completes her remarkable service on the South San Francisco city council. She served a record 23 years, including four terms as Mayor. When you do the math, Karyl has been on the council for nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ of her years as a resident of South San Francisco. One has to ask if she ever had a moment to simply take a leisurely walk along the bayfront.

South San Francisco has changed remarkably since Karyl joined the council. Its population grew by 10,000 to a total of 68,000. In the Oyster Point area, biotechnology powerhouse Genentech and sister companies are rapidly replacing traditional uses such as warehouses, food factories, airline-related businesses and transportation enterprises. The Caltrain station is moving and apartments are being constructed by the hundreds within walking distance of this location and the city's BART station. The city has also become more diverse, with approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of its residents being of either Asian or Latino descent.

Karyl has contributed to many of these changes. For example, she has served for over a decade on boards of the county's transportation authority and Samtrans, the provider of bus services and management of the local train service. In South San Francisco, she strongly advocated for moving the train station. Her years as a Samtrans director are among her proudest achievements. She sought to build the bus service into one that takes care of San Mateo County's wage earners, while also adapting the system to offer new express service, such as the pre-COVID line from Foster City to San Francisco.

It costs a lot to live in San Mateo County. Average rent in South San Francisco is \$3,000 per month. Karyl Matsumoto realized that it was impossible for many to survive if they had to earn \$120,000 per year or more just to pay rent and avoid debt. She was the

first on her council to propose an increase of the minimum wage to \$15 per hour starting January 1, 2021, and her colleagues adopted that proposal. She also championed affordable housing and balancing jobs with housing in order to protect lower-income residents.

During the course of her multi-decade-long public service career, Karyl Matsumoto has served on over 30 community groups and boards of nonprofits. Examples include the Peninsula Family YMCA, the San Mateo County Japanese American Citizens League, the Skyline College President's Council Advisory Board, and the United Way Community Impact Committee. She also founded the city's youth commission.

She worked for our esteemed colleague Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO when Congresswoman ESHOO served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, and for former State Senator Quentin Kopp. She co-founded the South San Francisco Community Outreach Program to bring together residents, businesses and advocacy groups on behalf of seniors, residents with special needs and other vulnerable residents.

As a councilwoman, Karyl Matsumoto was fiscally conservative and supported building the city's tax base to provide funds for such largescale community efforts as the new 911 and police operations center. She also serves as one of two liaisons with the school district and on the Caltrain Modernization committee, keeping an eye on the progress of a \$2 billion electrification project for our regional train system.

As she makes her case to colleagues, Karyl is known for saying, "Ergo," and if she forgets someone's name while making a point you might hear her say "Whosewhatis" as a placeholder. These endearing mannerisms signal that a significant point is about to be made because Karyl doesn't let anything—even a momentary mind freeze—get in the way of the public's interest.

Madam Speaker, I can say without fear of contradiction that Karyl Matsumoto has made a tremendous difference in South San Francisco and throughout the county. We know her as an eager public servant who has a vast knowledge of the history of her city and of public policy. When she leaves, decades of perspective will go with her. All of us in the community thank her for a job well done and hope she can relax and leave the hard work of civic policymaking to others. After decades at the wheel, Karyl is getting off the bus. Her final stop, a stop called "success," is just beyond the bus door.

RECOGNIZING WILSON COUNTY SHERIFF JOE D. TACKITT, JR.

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Sheriff Joe D. Tackitt, Jr. after 28 years of dedication and service to Wilson County, Texas.

Sheriff Tackitt was elected in 1992 and over the course of his career, he worked tirelessly to keep his community safe. Through his hard work and efforts, he helped bring the Criminal Justice Center to Wilson County and improved